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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3620**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Connie D. Myers  
Application No. : 09/575,249  
Filed : May 19, 2000  
For : MULTI-VENDOR TRANSACTIONS BASED ON NEAR-  
IMMEDIATE REBATE DETECTION

Examiner : Jean D. Janvier  
Art Unit : 3622  
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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on April 3, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.